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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Avenue, Conf. Room 1A
Des Moines, IA 50310**

June 5, 2014

Present: Rita Ferneau, Chair; Andrew Allen; Candice Bennett; Robert Bonus; Christy Burkhart; Hon. Stephen Clarke; Joel Illian; Margaret Johnson; Karen Jones; Jeremy Kaiser; Roy Klobnak; Bill Ocker; John Quinn; Shauna Soderstrum; Zach Thomas; Jeralyn Westercamp

Absent: Jacey Bair-Waddell; Wayne Ford; Dillon Malone; Carl Smith; David Thompson; Jennifer Tibbetts; Julie Walton; Alyssa Wicker; Doug Wolfe

Staff: Paul Stageberg; Kile Beisner; Dave Kuker; Steve Michael; Scott Musel; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker

I. Call to Order

- Changes and Approval of Agenda

Rita Ferneau, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Item XIII. New Business, Three-year Retreat, was moved to Item V. **Margaret Johnson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Andrew Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.**

II. Approve Minutes

There were no changes or corrections to the minutes from the March meeting. **Jeremy Kaiser moved to approve, seconded by Candice Bennett. The motion was unanimously approved.**

III. Division Update/National Update

Paul Stageberg, Division Administrator, reported the following:

- As required, the three-year plan update was submitted to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- Federal partners with the Juvenile Justice Reform & Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI), conducted a visit in April.

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- Application was made for a juvenile re-entry planning grant for youth transitioning from secure confinement to their community. If awarded, CJJP could apply for an implementation grant the following year.
- On the adult criminal side, CJJP is providing evaluation services for a variety of grants for multiple state agencies.
- The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) grant application has been submitted to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The application seeks to store crime data in the Justice Data Warehouse (JDW).
- Two vacancies exist within CJJP—an executive officer on the adult analytical side and an Information Technology Specialist (ITS). A contractor has been temporarily hired to fill the IT position for the JDW.
- Rita Ferneau, Chair, is resigning at the end of June. The governor will appoint a new chair.

Stageberg announced his retirement effective June 27. Members thanked him for his leadership efforts.

IV. Council Budget Report

Kile Beisner reported that \$12,781.10 remains in Council funds that expire on September 30, 2014. Anticipated expenses include travel for Andrew Allen and Scott Musel (approximately \$3,000) and the JJAC Retreat.

The group discussed how the remaining funds should be spent. Ferneau reminded that last year the Council approved a new laptop computer for Julie Rinker. Ferneau voiced concerns since it did not arrive by the state fiscal year deadline. Rinker reported that another division is seeking to purchase a new laptop this year, but may end with the same result.

Illian moved to purchase a new laptop for Rinker if the current plan fell through. Kaiser seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. New Business

- **Three-Year Retreat Date & Location – Action**

There was consensus to meet on September 4-5. More information will be sent once a location has been secured.

VI. Travel

No action was required. Musel and Allen will be traveling to Washington, DC, for conferences in June.

VII. Compliance Monitoring Report

Musel stated the report will be submitted to OJJDP by the June 30 deadline. There were the usual number of violations.

VIII. Policy & Programs Committee (PnP)

- **Juvenile Justice Funds Budget Adjustment Approval**

In the absence of Carl Smith, Chair, Musel reported that a special meeting was held to develop a budget based on the reduced funding award of \$340,000. The revised budget was brought forward as a motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Five Questions/Talking Points**

Andrew Allen discussed the need for “talking points”, questions, and other information when meeting with legislators. Several members expressed agreement. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the number of youth served, types of programs, funding loss, and program funding constraints.

Allen requested stats/summaries of existing efforts, grant applications, etc. Kuker noted that many kids would be in out-of-home placement without JJDP Act funding. Using these funds, we are working towards systemic change through specialized projects. Senator Grassley’s office has been contacted by both CJJ and Gary Niles. A separate call is being arranged with Grassley, CJJP staff, and other state agency representatives.

Staff will put together information for Allen to use when meeting with legislators in Washington, DC.

IX. Coalition for Juvenile Justice – “Virtual SAG Visits”

Musel reported that the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is offering “virtual visits” to provide federal updates and other pertinent information at a future JJAC meeting. Musel suggested waiting until a new chair is appointed before making any arrangements.

Jeremy Kaiser moved to have CJJ representatives virtually join a future JJAC meeting, seconded by Robbie Bonus. The motion was unanimously approved.

X. System Youth Input Update

Zach Thomas and Jeralyn Westercamp reported on activities to collect information from the Chief JCO’s regarding system youth input. Contacts have been made with the Chiefs in the 5th and 8th Judicial Districts. Progress has been slow due to their school schedules.

XI. Committee Reports

- **Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW)**

Steve Michael reported the following:

- Meda Chesney-Lind, a nationally-recognized researcher on delinquent girls, will be in Iowa to conduct several presentations. Audiences include the Iowa Task

Force for Young Women, the Chief Juvenile Court Officers, and the Public Defenders' Conference.

- There has been no legislation to create a facility for girls similar to the boys' State Training School. There was an unfunded provision in the DHS legislation to track delinquent girls, but was vetoed by the governor.

The group discussed concerns with placement options for delinquent girls. The Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW) will be discussing the matter at their next meeting. The group was reminded of the position paper issued earlier this year regarding the closure of Iowa Juvenile Home (IJH) and the need for a girls' facility. The paper has been shared with some legislators and is for JJAC members to use.

Candice Bennett reported that the Chief JCO's were tracking girls that would have been sent to a facility similar to the IJH. The effort was being coordinated by Ruth Frush, Chief JCO in the 2nd Judicial District.

Musel suggested the information be shared with the PnP Committee.

- **Mental Health Substance Abuse Brain Development (MHSABD)**

Christy Burkhardt, Chair, reported the following:

- The subcommittee will review the JCO Survey results at the July meeting. The survey received a good response rate.
- There are a couple of court cases in Polk County that are related to competency and IQ. Kids (age 12 and under) were charged with sex offenses. Burkhardt thought this could be discussed during the Retreat.
- The committee would like more guidance related to future work.
- It has been difficult to find someone to review the staff guide at the funding rate.
- The Des Moines schools have requested last year's JCO Survey. She noted concern by other agencies regarding kids/mental health.

Kuker reported on an effort by the Chief Juvenile Court Officers to make some changes in the Iowa Courts Information System (ICIS) to capture mental health data on juveniles.

Stageberg honored Ferneau with a framed print of the Iowa Capitol on behalf of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at noon due to a lack of quorum. The following agenda items were not discussed.

- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) – Wayne Ford**
- **Positive Youth Development & Transitioning – Steve Michael**

XII. Juvenile Justice Grant Projects

- **Juvenile Justice Reform Project (JJRP) Update – Kathy Nesteby**

- **Community and Strategic Planning (CASP) – Dave Kuker and Kile Beisner**

XIII. Unfinished Business

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at noon due to a lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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